

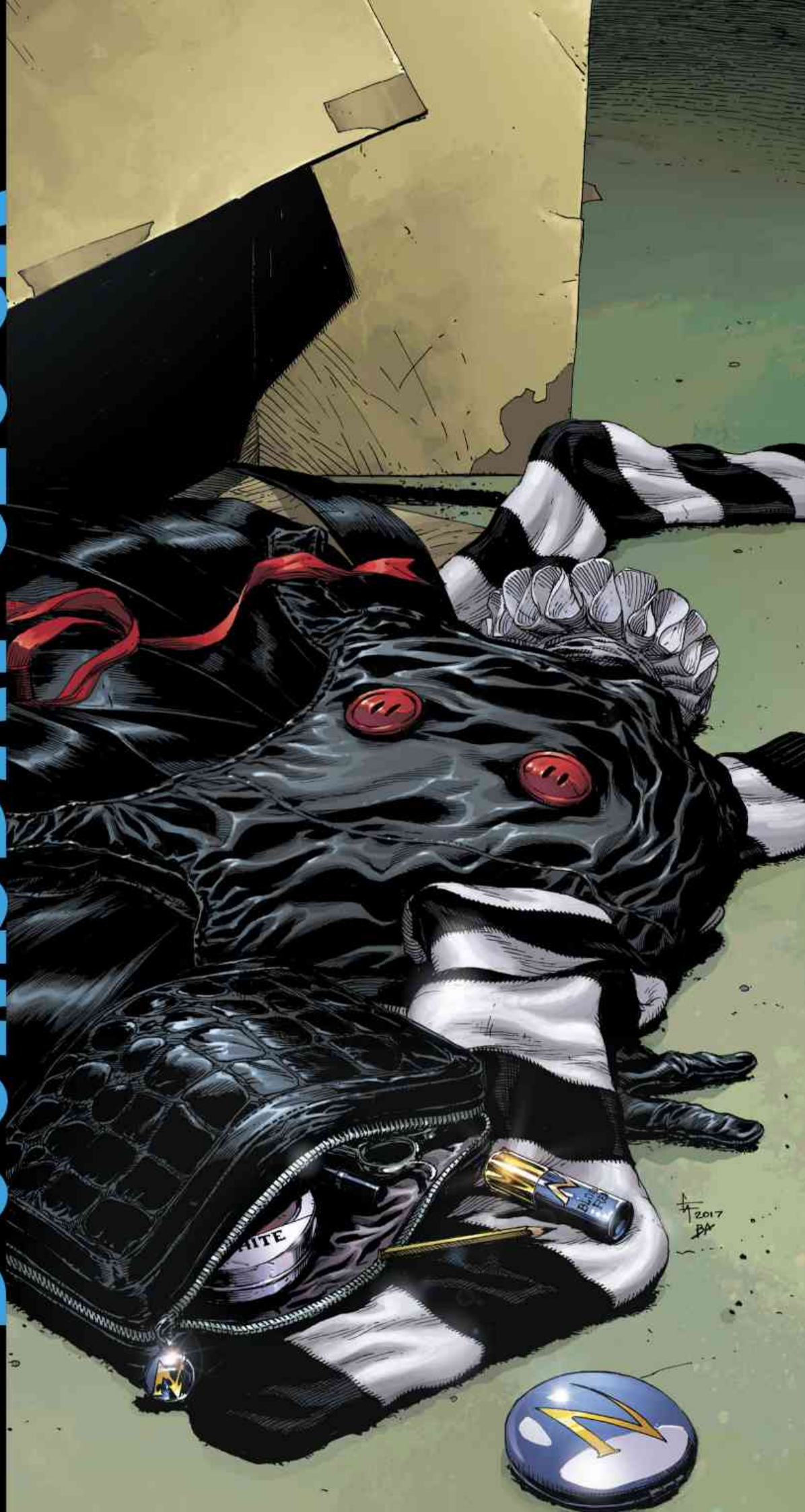
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"THEY ALL LINED UP TO SEE THIS WOMAN OUT IN JERSEY."

GOOD MORNING, MR. PATTERSON!

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT IT?

"THE TAILOR'S WIFE, THEY CALLED HER."



FOR A PRICE, SHE'D SELL ANYONE A NAME AND A COSTUME.

DOCTOR VAN GOGH, THE TELL-TALE MAN, BILL THE LIZARD.

PUNKS AND LOSERS WANTING TO MAKE A REP FOR THEMSELVES, CON MEN AND CROOKS TRYING TO HIDE BEHIND A GIMMICK.



"MOST OF THEM WOULD SHIT THEIR PANTS AS SOON AS THEY RAN ACROSS THE COMEDIAN OR NITE OWL AND TOSS THEIR SUITS IN THE TRASH."

"BACK THEN, YOU WEREN'T THE REAL THING, YOU GOT YOUR ASS SHOWN THE DOOR."



IT'S DIFFERENT TODAY THANKS TO YOU, VEIDT...



"LIFE'S NOT BLACK-AND-WHITE LIKE IT USED TO BE."

YOUR ACCOUNT'S OVERDRAWN AGAIN.

THE BILLS ARE PILING UP, AND...

IT'S OKAY, ANISHA. I'LL LEND YOU SOME MONEY MYSELF.

"YOU CAN'T PUT YOUR FAITH IN ANYONE THESE DAYS."



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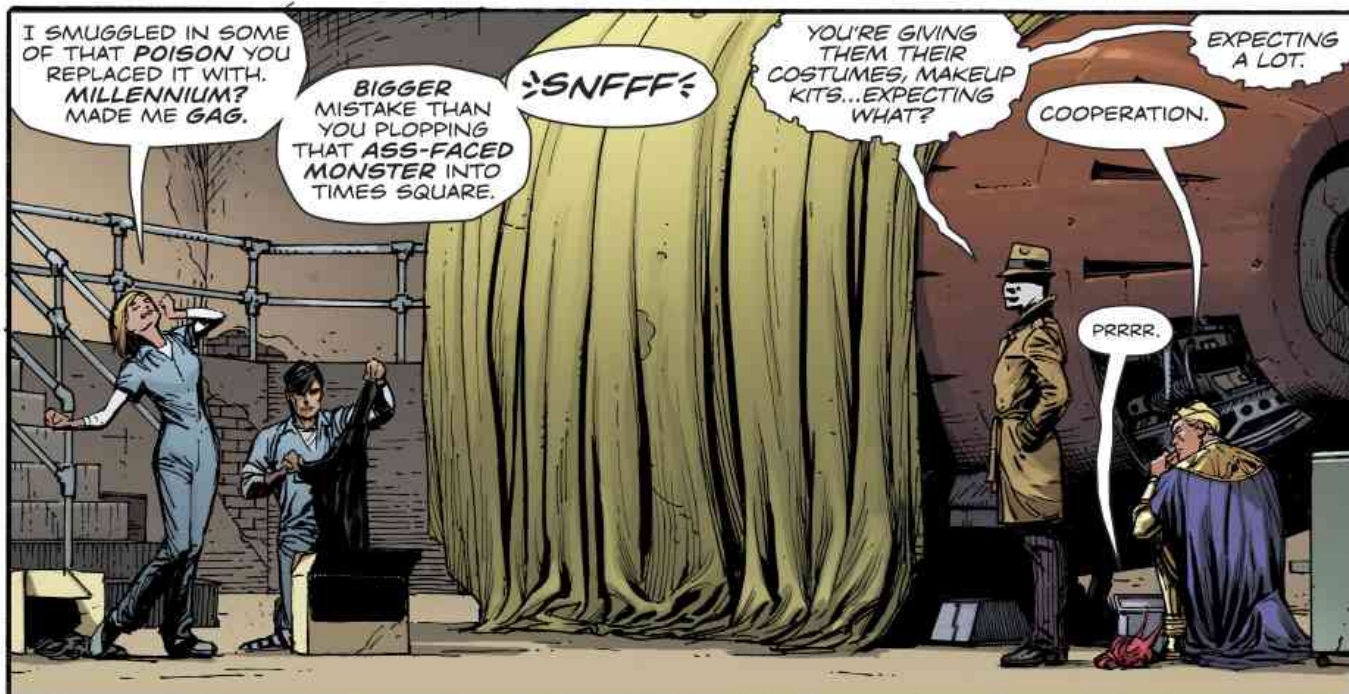
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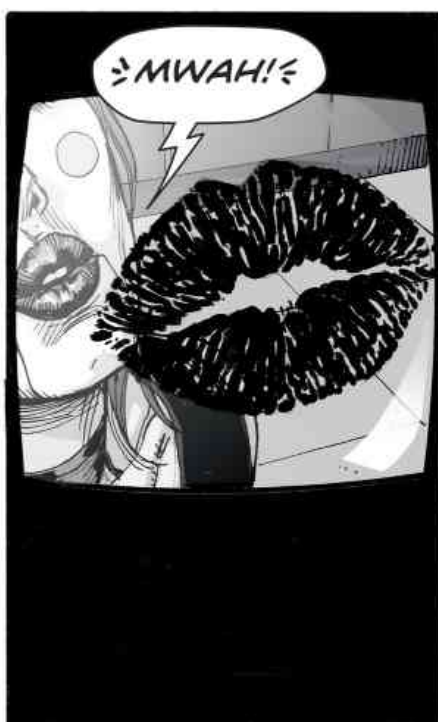


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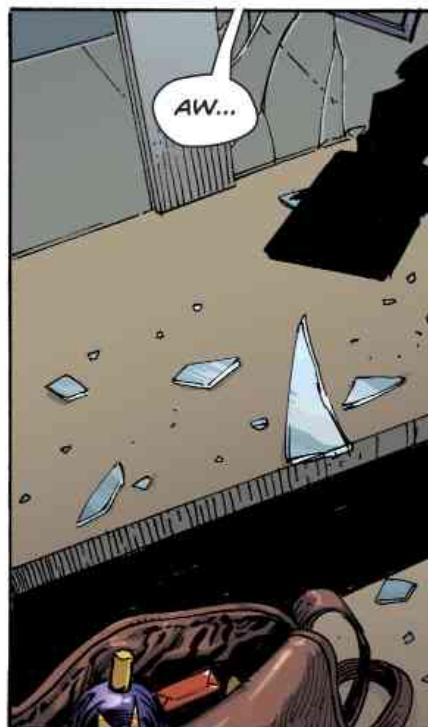






PLACES WE HAVE NEVER KNOWN















"THERE'S NO WAY OUT..."



YOU'RE SURROUNDED!

MOVE AN INCH AND YOU CLOWNS END UP IN BODY BAGS!

THIRTY-SEVEN PEOPLE DEAD BEFORE SPREE ENDED HERE.



MANHATTAN'S EVISCERATED PEOPLE FOR LESS.

THAT'S PRECISELY THE POINT, RORSCHACH.



I KNOW JON INTIMATELY WELL, PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.

I MANIPULATED HIM INTO LEAVING EARTH ONCE BEFORE. NOW I NEED TO CONVINCE HIM TO COME BACK.

SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN JUSPEZYK.

ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET HER.

LAURIE WOULDN'T...

TRUST YOU.

SEEING HER WITH DAN COULD UPSET HIM.



"MARIONETTE REPRESENTS A MOMENT IN JON'S PAST.

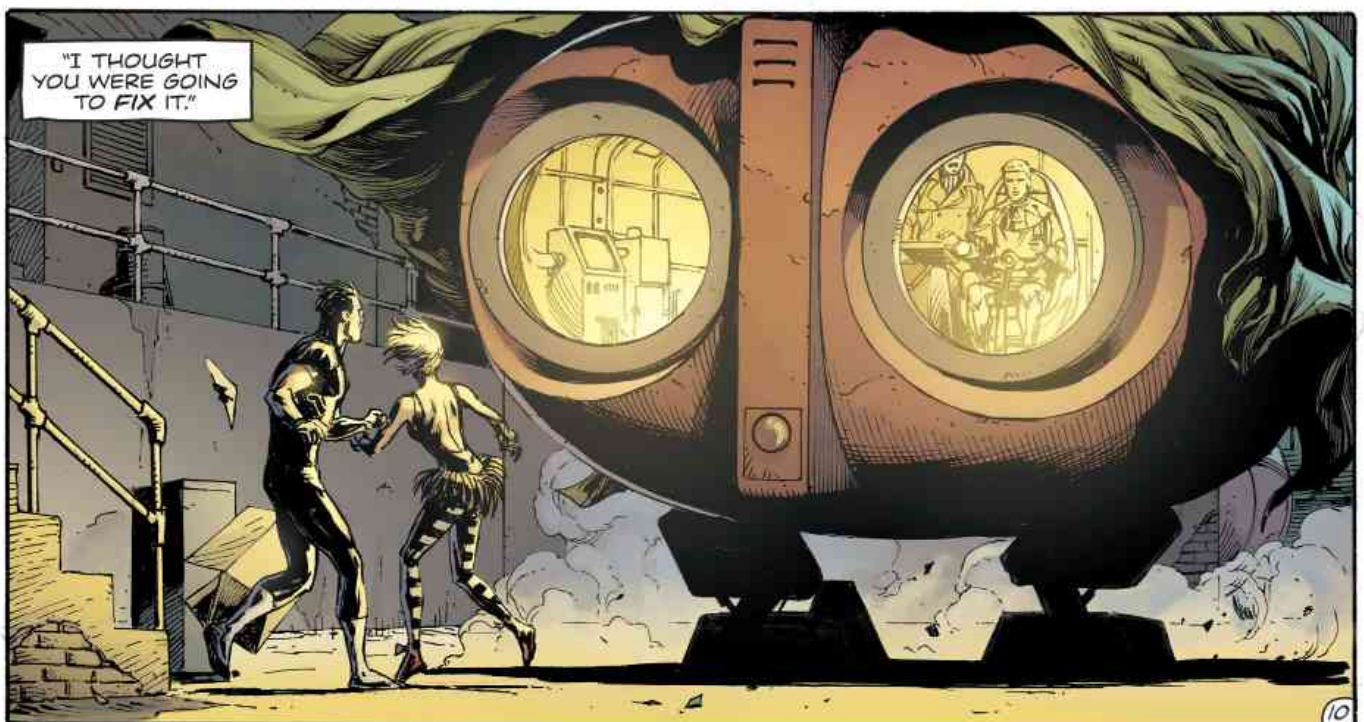
"ONE THAT I CAN USE TO REMIND HIM OF WHO HE WAS..."



THE SCREENS... SOMETHING'S INTERFERING WITH PLAYBACK.

ARE THE FOUR HOURS UP? ARE THE NUKES IN THE AIR?

SORRY... WATCH IS SLOW.



"I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO FIX IT."



"THERE ARE BILLIONS OF PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET."

LOOK!
UP IN THE
SKY!



"EVERY LIVING BEING HAS A UNIQUE INTRINSIC FIELD THAT HOLDS THEIR ATOMS TOGETHER."

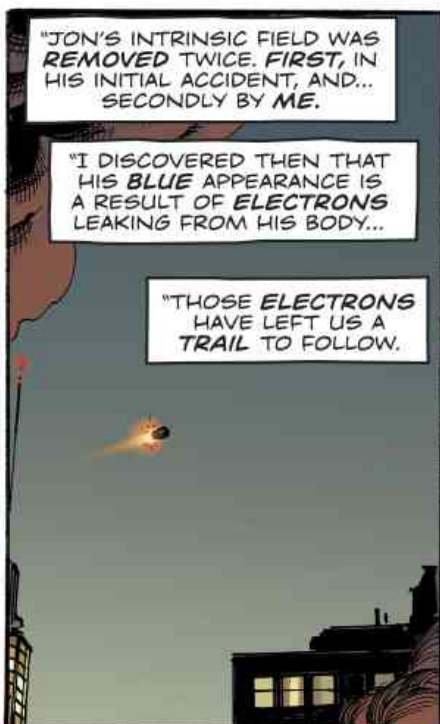


"A QUANTUM FINGERPRINT MADE UP OF THE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FORCES OF NATURE."

IS THAT
A PLANE?



"ELECTROMAGNETIC. STRONG INTERACTION. WEAK INTERACTION. AND GRAVITY."



"JON'S INTRINSIC FIELD WAS REMOVED TWICE. FIRST, IN HIS INITIAL ACCIDENT, AND... SECONDLY BY ME."

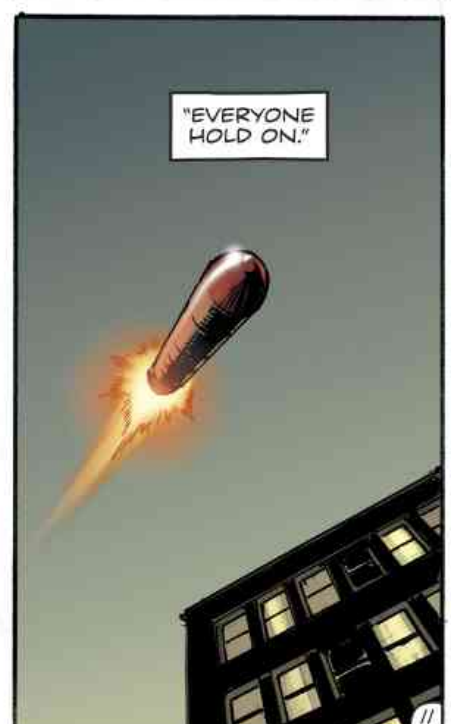
"I DISCOVERED THEN THAT HIS BLUE APPEARANCE IS A RESULT OF ELECTRONS LEAKING FROM HIS BODY..."

"THOSE ELECTRONS HAVE LEFT US A TRAIL TO FOLLOW."

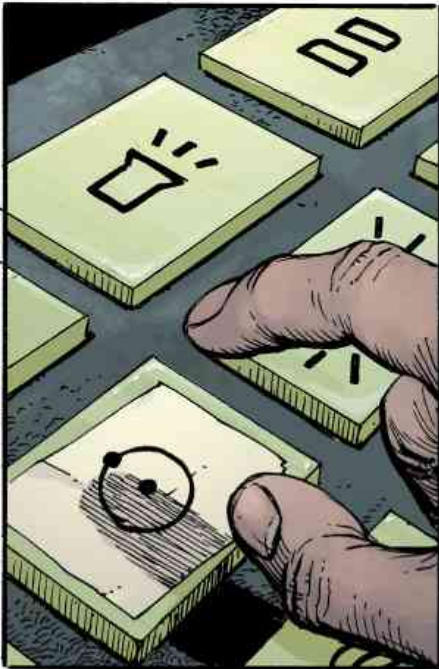
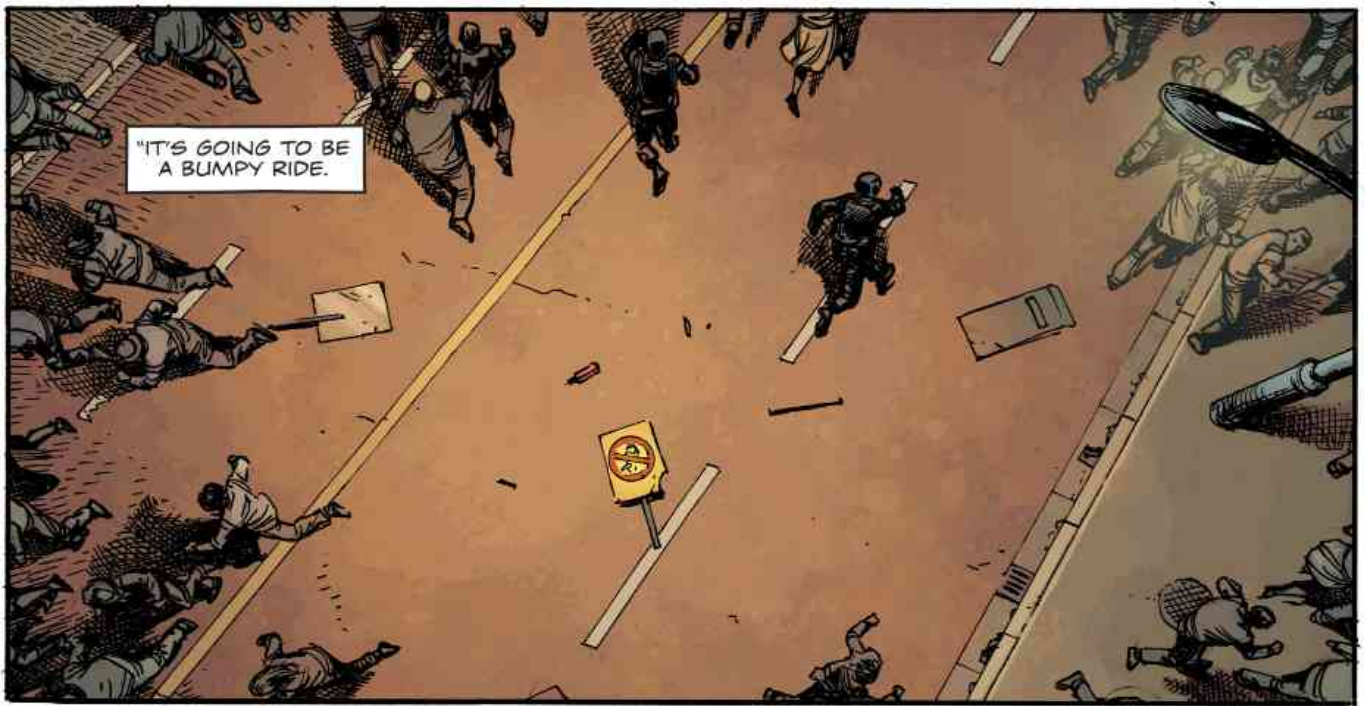


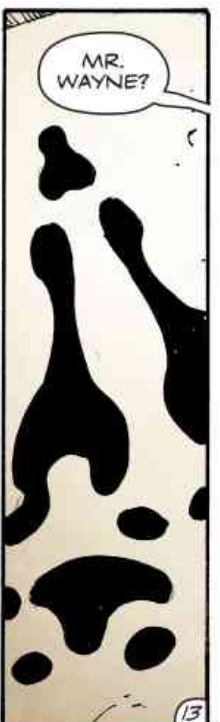
I APOLOGIZE I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL SEATING."

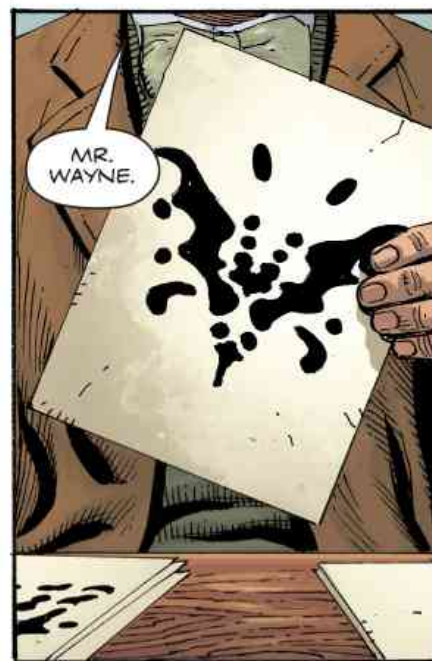
REBUILDING THE OWLSHIP TO WITHSTAND QUANTUM TUNNELING TOOK MORE TIME THAN I ANTICIPATED."

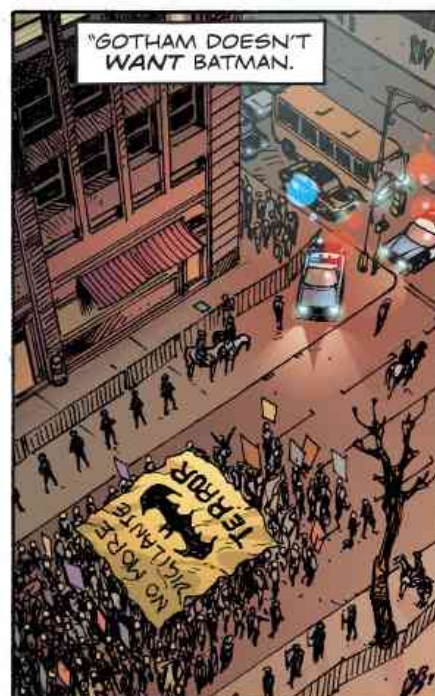
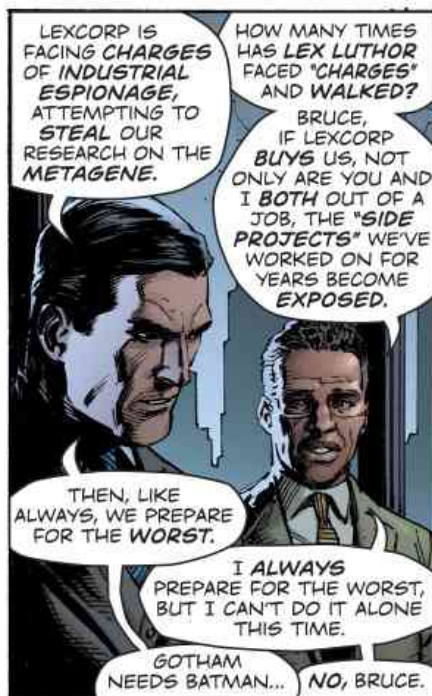


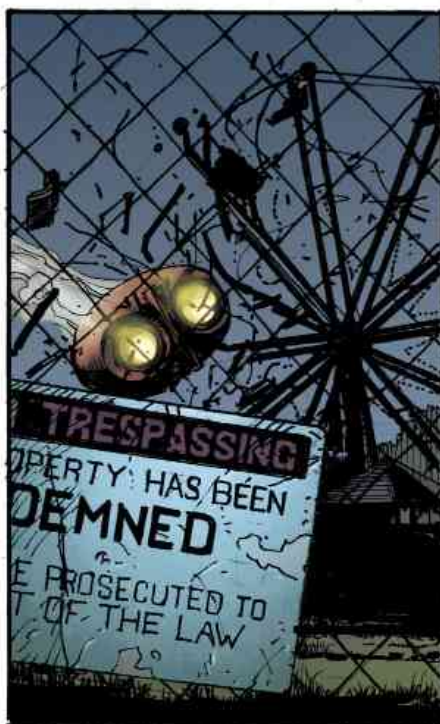
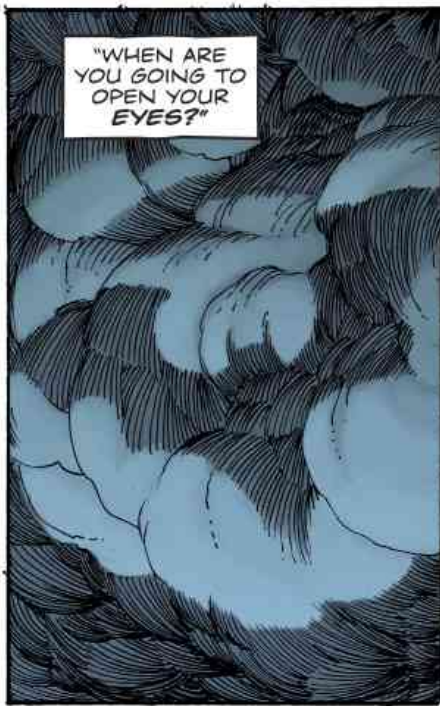
"EVERYONE HOLD ON."

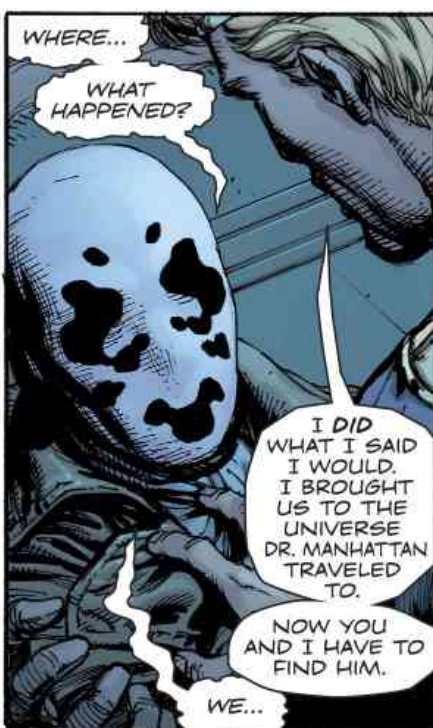






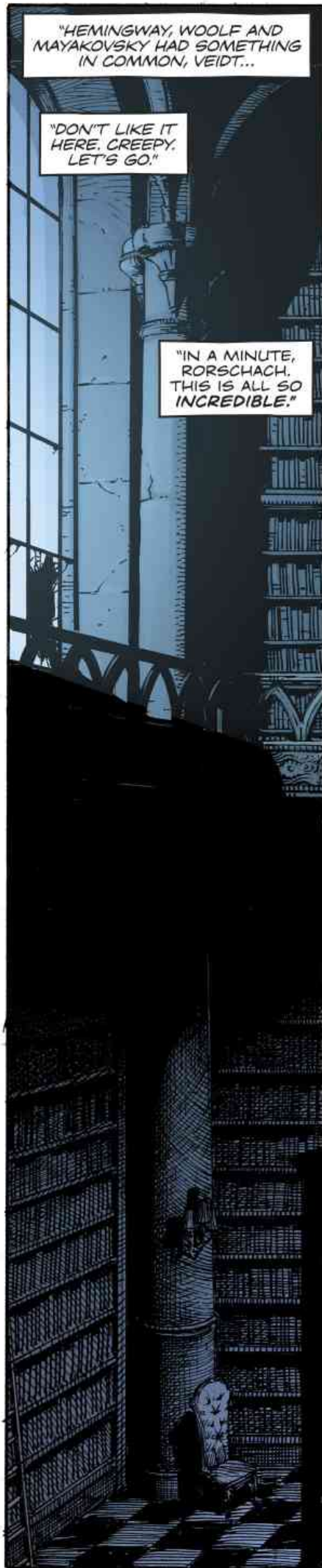












"HEMINGWAY, WOOLF AND MAYAKOVSKY HAD SOMETHING IN COMMON, VEIDT..."

"DON'T LIKE IT HERE, CREEPY. LET'S GO."

"IN A MINUTE, RORSCHACH. THIS IS ALL SO INCREDIBLE."



ALTHOUGH THERE ARE VAST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR EARTHS, THE GREATEST DIVERGENT IS THE SHEER **NUMBER** OF MEN AND WOMEN WEARING MASKS. INCLUDING SOME WHO ARE ENTIRELY FICTIONAL ON OUR WORLD.

FICTIONAL ON OUR WORLD? MAYBE MANHATTAN CREATED THEM...

OR HE COULD BE ONE OF THEM.

CHANGE LOOK. CHANGE NAME.



IT'S POSSIBLE, YES. JON MAY HAVE WANTED TO START OVER WITH A NEW IDENTITY. A SECOND CHANCE.

SECOND CHANCE AT WHAT?

SAVING A WORLD.

THOSE WEARING COSTUMES, MOST OF THEM ARE **SUPERHUMAN**. THE DR. MANHATTAN PROBLEM A HUNDREDFOLD...



NNG.

AGAIN?

YES.

IT'S GETTING WORSE.

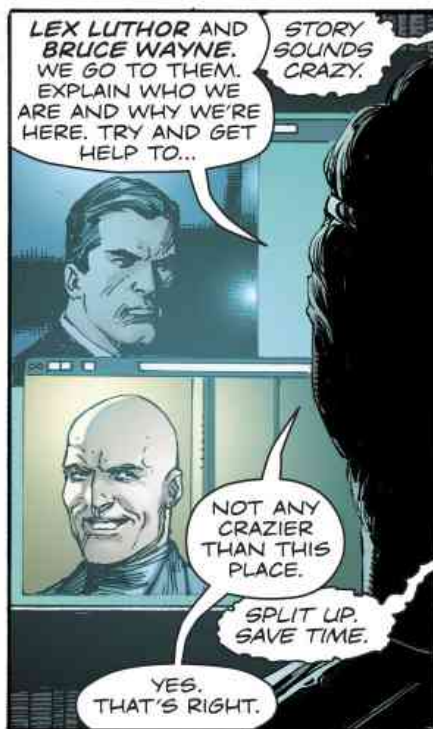


WE NEED SOMEONE TO HELP US NAVIGATE THESE WATERS AND FIND JON.

WHO...

I'VE ALREADY IDENTIFIED THE **TWO SMARTEST** PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET.

WHAT?



LEX LUTHOR AND BRUCE WAYNE. WE GO TO THEM. EXPLAIN WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE'RE HERE. TRY AND GET HELP TO...

STORY SOUNDS CRAZY.

NOT ANY CRAZIER THAN THIS PLACE.

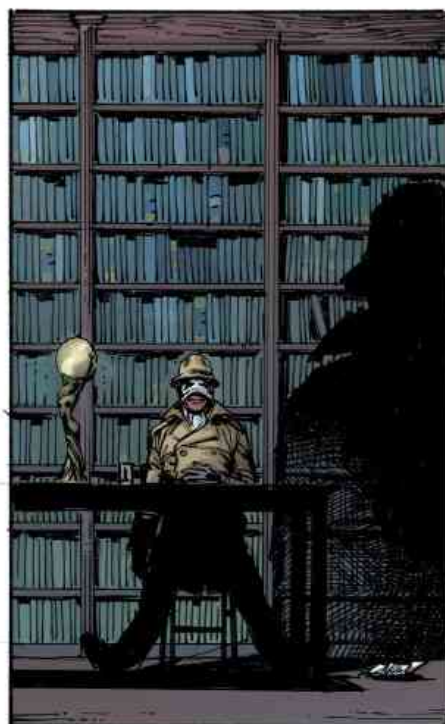
SPLIT UP. SAVE TIME.

YES. THAT'S RIGHT.

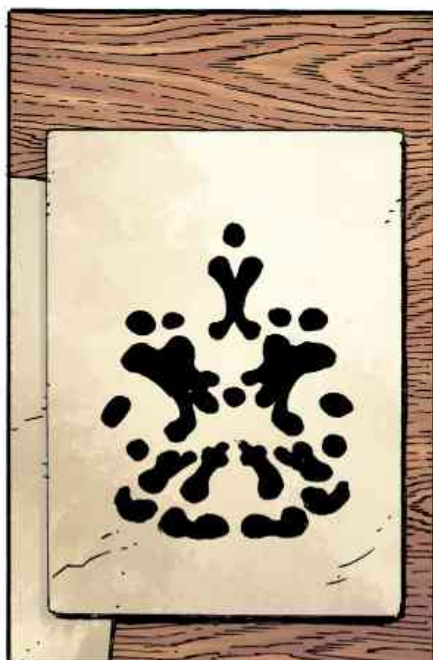
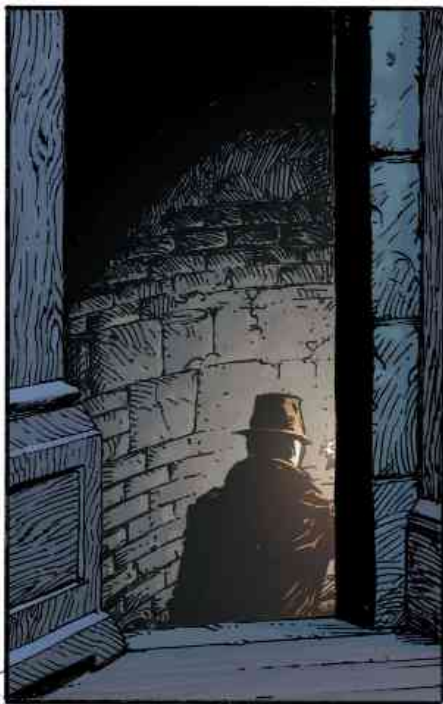


WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT?

THE **SMARTEST**, OF COURSE.















OBSESSED WITH RELIVING YESTERDAY.



LIKE VEIDT.



A SAILOR HEARING THE SIREN'S CRY.



PULLING HIM TOWARD ROCKS.



RRAAAOOW!



AAAA!



LAST TIME YOU CAME AT ME, I WAS CONFUSED.

DRUNK.

CHASING HIS GREATEST LIE.



IMPOSSIBLE.



We are torn between nostalgia for the familiar and an urge for the foreign and strange. As often as not, we are homesick most for the places we have never known.

— Carson McCullers





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By Lowell Jeffries
Metahuman News Correspondent

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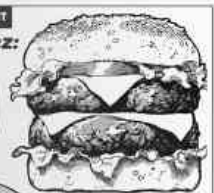
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To combat the initial skepticism toward "The Superman Theory," Dr. Jace pointed to leaked documents from the U.S. Department of Metahuman Affairs detailing the secret origin of Rex Mason, better known as Metamorpho and sometime ally to the Batman. Although initial reports suggested the former soldier-for-hire was accidentally transformed into the shape-shifting metahuman, the leaked documents paint a very different picture. The documents reveal Simon Stagg and Stagg Industries were under government contract, along with Rex Mason. Under Stagg's supervision, Mason voluntarily exposed himself to an ancient energy source, ultimately triggering his metagene and transforming him into Metamorpho.

As Metamorpho, Mason was often seen in public blaming Simon Stagg for the accident. But new allegations suggest Mason and Stagg, along with many others, were coached to create a "super-hero narrative" designed to cover Metamorpho's covert activities as a government agent. In recent weeks, three former "enemies" of Metamorpho, "Doc Dread," "Stingaree" and "the Prosecutor," have come forward with claims they were paid by the U.S. government to undergo their own transformations and take on the role of "super-villain" to Metamorpho.

Today a second metahuman's ties to the U.S. government have been revealed. Kirk Langstrom, sometimes known as the creature called Man-Bat, has admitted that the research that led to his own transformation was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Metahuman Affairs. Since Langstrom's declaration, he has been unavailable for further comment, though the White House has issued a response.

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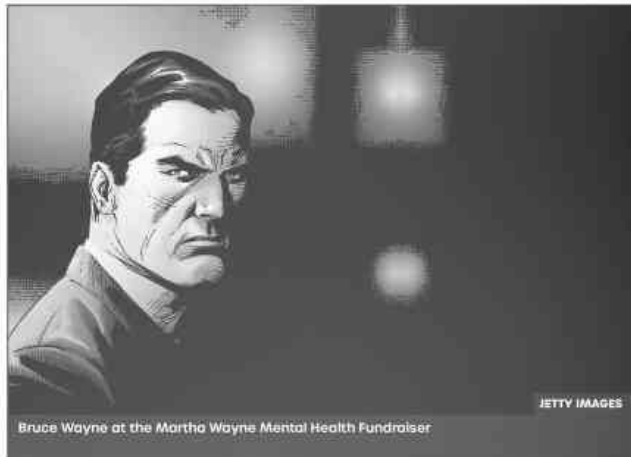
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In what is arguably the greatest rivalry in American business today, the competition between LexCorp and Wayne Enterprises has reached new heights, leading to the arrests of four Wayne Enterprises employees — each accused of helping LexCorp access highly confidential and experimental research. A genetic scientist, two managers and a security guard have all been charged after a breach in Wayne Enterprises systems was detected. Bruce Wayne claims the competition over the “metagene” is what motivated Lex Luthor to pay off employees within Wayne’s company.

As “The Supermen Theory” has gained acceptance, if not outright validation, over the last several weeks, the competition between the two giants has entered a new and dangerous arena: metahuman biology. Technology that would control the metagene, or even eliminate it, could become the most valuable commodity in the world. The metagene, a genetic anomaly found in up to 12% of the human population, was discovered during the Dominator Invasion. This anomaly seems to be a step further from the human fight-or-flight response; when a traumatic or potentially lethal incident occurs, it can trigger the metagene, altering a person’s genetic disposition and causing the development of superhuman abilities. Although many “super-heroes” and “super-villains” claim to derive their abilities from sources outside of the metagene, the truth behind their origins has come into question following the rise of “The Supermen Theory.”

Since the theory was first presented, both LexCorp and Wayne Enterprises have been gobbling up every company that has done any kind of research on the metagene. LexCorp’s stock soared after purchasing Kord Industries, Genetech and the Sunderland Corporation, while Wayne Enterprises has struggled to find the same kind of success through its acquisitions. The controversial decision to buy Dayton Labs, a troubled genetic research facility, sent Wayne stocks tumbling. Not helping matters, today Wayne Enterprises announced it is in the process of picking up the pieces of Stagg Industries in the wake of the Metamorpho scandal.

Although all four of the accused Wayne Enterprises employees claim to have had direct communication with Lex Luthor himself, he denies any involvement.

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Although all factors have had direct involvement.

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Superman Takes a Stand against Metahuman Outrage as the World Reacts to Conspiracy Theories on Their Origins



By Lois Lane
December 20, 2017

After Lex Luthor's unleashing of an all-out anti-metahuman campaign yesterday, Superman has called for calm in this time of chaos. In a statement given to the Daily Planet, Superman said, "We cannot allow paranoia, fear and distrust to be our driving motives in our actions at this difficult time. Although I applaud the men and women who have done so many amazing things at LexCorp that have helped the world, I find the words and ideas of its leader misguided and, quite frankly, dangerous."



Lex Luthor receiving the Copley Medal for his work in metahuman biology

While the United Nations is debating whether to force the United States to open up its metahuman prisons and medical institutions for inspection, other world leaders are tempering their reactions to "The Superman Theory" in a wait-and-see approach. But the more strident Lex Luthor made his stance clear with his tirade yesterday about the supposed dangers of metahumans and their impact on society at large. The outspoken and controversial head of LexCorp has never shied away from denouncing the super-heroes of the world, including Superman, but his recent comments have taken a decidedly darker and more threatening turn. Luthor encouraged all business leaders to denounce metahumans until they unmask and reveal their origins to the world. Until that time, Luthor has stated he will dedicate all of the necessary resources within LexCorp to uncovering the truth behind metahumans, promising to expose "as many of them as humanly possible."

As of this publication, Lex Luthor did not return inquiries.

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During the events of DARK NIGHTS: METAL, high school junior Derek James accidentally fell through a rift into the Dark Matter dimension! Now, as Sideways, he can create rifts in midair to leap through dimensions at will! But with that much power comes great liability—and tears are starting to form in the fabric of the space-time continuum...

"I prefer to let my art speak for itself."

—KENNETH ROCAFORT

"It's fun building a character from the ground up and learning how he works, fights and thinks."

—DAN DiDIO

"The opportunity to build a new part of the DC Universe ranks pretty high on the excitement scale."

—JUSTIN JORDAN



THE TERRIFICS

IVAN REIS
JEFF LEMIRE

Bound together by fate, and united by the spirit of exploration and hope for tomorrow, the Terrifics are bound from the Dark Multiverse of Metal! When Mr. Terrific, Metamorpho, Plastic Man and Phantom Girl find themselves literally bound together by a tragic accident, our team of unlikely allies must rely on one another to make their way back home. But a startling revelation on their return trip brings them face to face with a new mystery: Where in the universe is Tom Strong?

"Readers have never seen a group like this."

—IVAN REIS

"THE TERRIFICS allows me to do big adventure in the old-school Kirby style, but with a modern sensibility."

—JEFF LEMIRE

THE TERRIFICS



Designs by Evan "Doc" Shaner

THE IMMORTAL MEN

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JAMES TYNION IV

There is a secret history to the DC Universe of heroes who have protected humanity from the shadows since the dawn of time... heroes who can live forever. Enter the Immortal Men! The team, headed by the Immortal Man, has waged a secret war against the House of Conquest for countless years—but Conquest has dealt a devastating blow. When their base of operations, known as the Campus, is savagely attacked, the Immortal Men must seek out their last hope—an emerging metahuman known as Caden Park! Caden's emerging powers may be able to ensure the Immortal Men's survival—but will Conquest get to him first?

"When you create new characters, you can kind of swing for the fences."

—JIM LEE

"If the DC heroes we know and love represent a kind of heroism that lasts a lifetime, what would heroism look like over many lifetimes?"

—JAMES TYNION IV

THE CURSE OF BRIMSTONE

PHILIP TAN
JUSTIN JORDAN

Joe Chamberlain is not just your average kid trying to get by in his chewed up and forgotten small town of York Hill—he also unknowingly made a deal with the devil that cursed him into BRIMSTONE! Now with the power of fire and destruction in the palms of his hands, Brimstone can turn his town around and seek revenge on the devil who cursed him—but in order to maintain his heroic form, Joe has to endure every second of the fiery pain burning from the inside out!

"I love world building, and this project allowed me to create the look."

—PHILIP TAN

"He's a character who wants to try and do good with a power that is fundamentally evil."

—JUSTIN JORDAN

THE CURSE OF BRIMSTONE

NEW CHALLENGERS

ANDY KUBERT
SCOTT SNYDER

Characters live on borrowed time, running from death toward the greatest mysteries, wonders and terrors of the universe! It's a new cast on a new mission with the history and greatness of the original *Challengers of the Unknown*. The story starts with Challengers Mountain returning after having been missing for years, and only gets wilder from there...

"I am so excited to do science fiction, dinosaurs and all kinds of things like that."

—ANDY KUBERT

"Challengers is a book I've wanted to do for years. I literally pitched it when I first got to DC. Characters living on borrowed time, running from death toward the wonders, terrors and greatest mysteries of the universe."

—SCOTT SNYDER

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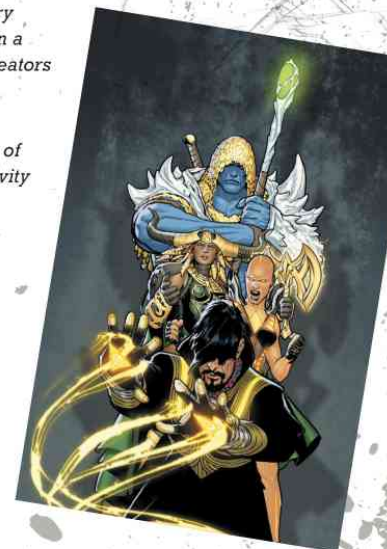
THE UNEXPECTED orbits around a group of heroes who yearn to show the world that they're more than the sum of their past mistakes. It centers in on something we all face every day, wrestling with our pasts and the compromises we've made. THE UNEXPECTED is offering a second chance for these heroes, even if they don't all know they want one.

"They're contemporary and not being built on a foundation laid by creators from decades past."

—RYAN SOOK

"This is the next burst of aspiring Kirby-creativity at DC Comics."

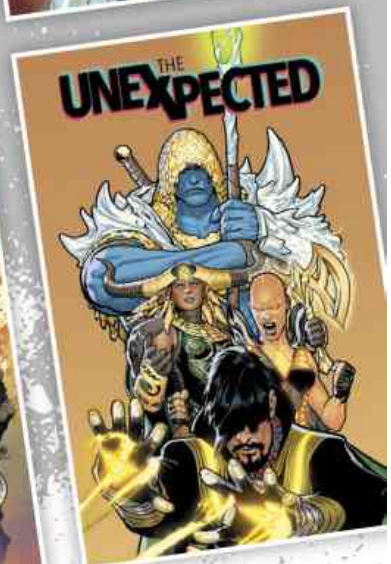
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